

REMARKS

The subject matter of original claim 3 has been added to independent claims 1 and 14. Claims 3, 10-12 and 15-22 have been canceled, without prejudice. The application now contains claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13 and 14. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Applicant's undersigned representative wishes to thank Examiner Ortiz-Criado for the courteous and helpful interview initiated by the Examiner on April 26, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the changes that are now being made herein would place the application in condition for allowance, and he offered to make the changes by Examiner's Amendment. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claim 3 in the May 13th Office Action.

Accordingly, the application as amended should be allowable over the art of record. Allowance of the application with claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13 and 14 is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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